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## ELEVEN PERISH IN HONG KONG'S FIRST GASOMETER EXPLOSION

### JAPANESE COMPETITION IN CUBA

United States May Assist Chile.

ORIENT'S ADVANTAGE IN FREIGHT RATES

**SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL**  
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Washington, To-day.

IT IS AUTHORITATIVELY LEARNED THAT THE AMERICAN STATE DEPARTMENT IS EXAMINING THE POSSIBILITIES OF ASSISTING CHILE TO COMPETE WITH JAPAN ON TERMS OF EQUALITY IN CARIBBEAN TRADE, AS THE RESULT OF THE SUGGESTION OF THE CHILEAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRS, SENOR EMILIO BELL, FORMERLY MINISTER TO CUBA.

The statement is reported to have been informally made to the State Department.

Last year, Chile marketed 950,000 pesos worth of beans in Cuba, but Japan has gained an increasing portion of the Cuban bean market because the rates between Valparaiso and Havana are \$11.50, as compared with \$8.00 between Yokohama and Havana.

Even Tientsin enjoys a \$2.00 advantage over Valparaiso.

The American-owned Grace Line has a virtual monopoly of freight from Chile to the United States, and would be concerned primarily in any attempted reduction of rates.

Chile is confident that her sales of dried peas, lentils and onions could be extended under more equal rates.—United Press, per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

### AMERICA'S WAR ON CRIME

Big Sum To Equip Federal Agents.

### MORE MEN AND ARMAMENTS

Washington, To-day.

A war chest of between U.S.\$2,500,000 and U.S.\$3,000,000 to equip the Federal detective forces is understood to be under consideration by the American Department of Justice.

The measure would involve the addition of 270 men to the forces, and the provision of 20 armoured cars, 200 police cars, machine-guns, rifles and bullet-proof vests.—Reuter.

### STEEL RECOVERY CONTINUES.

### High Record For 4 Years Expected This Week.

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Youngstown, To-day.

It is anticipated that the United States steel production will reach 67 per cent. this week, the highest for four years.

It is reported that the mills have sufficient orders to operate at above 60 per cent. for at least six weeks.—United Press, per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

### WEATHER FORECAST

Cloudy, with moderate east winds, was the weather forecast issued this morning by the Royal Observatory.

### DEVASTATED AREA AT WEST POINT

### SEVENTY ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL

### SALESIAN FATHER COMMENDED FOR RESCUE WORK

ELEVEN PEOPLE, INCLUDING TWO CHILDREN, ARE KNOWN TO BE DEAD AS THE RESULT OF THE EXPLOSION WHICH OCCURRED AT THE GAS COMPANY'S WORKS AT WEST POINT AT 11 A.M. TO-DAY. THE DISASTER RANKS AS ONE OF THE WORST IN THE ANNALS OF THE COLONY. A GAS COMPANY OFFICIAL SAID THAT IT WAS THE FIRST GASOMETER EXPLOSION IN THE HISTORY OF THE COLONY.

It is feared that other bodies may still be in the debris of the surrounding houses which were demolished by the blast and flames, and late this afternoon, the Police and Fire Departments were still working feverishly among the ruins.

MORE THAN 70 PEOPLE, HALF OF WHOM ARE SERIOUSLY INJURED, HAVE BEEN ADMITTED TO THE GOVERNMENT CIVIL HOSPITAL. EIGHT OF THE VICTIMS WERE SO TERRIBLY MUTILATED THAT THEY DIED BEFORE 2.3 P.M. SEVERAL OTHERS ARE NOT EXPECTED TO LIVE.

Thirteen houses in ruins in the vicinity of the Gas Works bear silent testimony to the terrible force of the explosion and the roaring conflagration which followed.

Two blocks of tenement houses were mainly affected by the explosion, the Clarence Terrace, which stands on the same ground level as the gasometer, and only 30 feet away, and Darley Terrace, situated off High Street, and above Clarence Street, directly facing the gasometer.

The first intimation of fire, as given by the residents of the two terraces, was that of a terrific explosion which shook the buildings to their foundations.

A sheet of flame extending some 50 yards then followed almost simultaneously, setting on fire the flat at the entrance of Darley Terrace.

Several steel plates were ripped from the side of the gas-containment, which immediately sank to the ground with a heavy thud, tearing further plates as it crashed past the lattice pillars.

Panic and disorder followed as the two buildings, filled with gas fumes, burst into flames. The occupants of the building rushed into the street, but those in the upper floors were in danger of being trapped by the flames. Many climbed to the roof and escaped over the tops of the other houses, while others rushed to the verandah, after peering down from the fourth storey, decided to make their escape by way of the roof.

Clothing, which had been hung out to dry on the verandah, first caught alight, and then the wood-work of the partitioning cubicles was soon ablaze. The wooden stairway was next to catch alight, and this cut off all means of escape by that route. Many were stated to have been asleep at the time, and were overcome by the fumes before they could get clear of the building.

The number of killed and injured can only be estimated at present, but after the first outbreak several ambulance loads were conveyed to the hospitals, and according to the police somewhere in the vicinity of 100 must have been injured, many of whom are in a serious condition.

### 170 SCHOOL-CHILDREN ENDANGERED.

The St. Louis Industrial School, which is situated on the right-hand side of the gasometer, only 50 yards away, was fortunate to



Wielding a golden trowel, Pope Pius XI is pictured as he began the work of sealing up the Holy Door, which he opened in 1933 to mark the beginning of Holy Year celebration. The ceremony was intended to conclude the period, but it was later decided to extend the Holy Year for 12 more months.

### QUEEN MARY TO CHRISTEN NEW CUNARDER

#### King George Will Attend Launching Of 534 In September

The British determination to concentrate world attention on the Cunard superliner 534 is revealed in the announcement that Queen Mary will christen the vessel at the launching ceremonies, probably at the end of September.

King George will also attend the ceremonies as a witness. This will be the first time Queen Mary has ever christened any vessel since she became Queen.

### OFFICIAL STATEMENT BY MR. STONE

#### Missile Causes Sheet Of Flame.

#### TWO WORKMEN REPORTED INJURED

Mr. H. E. Stone, Manager of the Hong Kong and China Gas Company, in an official statement to the *China Mail*, said that an explosion occurred in one of the buildings at the back of the gas-holder, hurling a missile across, which punctured a steel plate of the gasometer.

A sheet of gas, under pressure then shot across to the adjacent building, which was immediately set ablaze, the explosion following.

The gasometer contained about three-quarters of a million cubic feet of gas at the time of the occurrence.

Two workmen of the Company are said to be among those injured.

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### FIRE FLOAT ON SCENE

The Fire Brigade appliances from all stations in Hong Kong were immediately on the scene, and attacked the flaming buildings with a full pressure of water in their hoses. The Fire Float added another battery of hoses, causing the stoppage of traffic, (Continued on page 9)

### LONGSHOREMEN STILL ON STRIKE

#### NEW YORK NOW INVOLVED.

#### Threat To All Branches Of Car Industry.

New York, To-day. The strike of longshoremen on the Pacific Coast continues.

Six policemen and three strikers were injured yesterday in minor riots at San Francisco and other ports.

The strike has spread to New York, but is not marked by violence there. The Secretary of the American Labour Federation, Mr. William Green, has uttered a warning that strikes will occur in many branches of the automobile industry unless the strikers of the Fisher Body Company obtain their demands.—Reuter.

### STOCK EXCHANGE BILL PASSED.

#### Big Majority.

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Washington, To-day.

The United States Senate has passed the Stock Exchange Bill by 62 votes to 18.

The Bill which was not weakened, now goes for conference to the House of Representatives.—United Press, per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

#### TEDDY FINCHER ENGAGED

The forthcoming wedding of Mr. Edward Charles Fincher, office assistant of No. 4, Embankment Road, Kowloon, and Miss Marie Kacker, stenographer, of No. 8, York Road, Kowloon Tong, is announced.

### TRUCE IN U.S. SILVER ACTION BATTLE

#### DIES BILL MAY BE RECALLED

#### CONFERENCE EXPECTED WITH ROOSEVELT

#### SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL

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Washington, To-day.

The United States Senate silver advocates have virtually called a truce to their campaign to force a vote on the remonetisation and nationalisation proposals.

Amplifying the position, Senator Thomas of Oklahoma said that the silver advocates had agreed that if President Roosevelt fails to sponsor suitable legislation they will call up the Dies Bill, although some consider the Dies Bill dead.

The Treasury Secretary, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, expects to confer with President Roosevelt early this week, after which the silver advocates expect to confer with President Roosevelt. It is anticipated that the silver advocates will then introduce a new Bill.

THERE APPEARS TO BE LITTLE DOUBT THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL AGREE TO CONSIDER SILVER AS PRIMARY MONEY AND THAT HE WILL ALSO AGREE TO 25 PER CENT. SILVER RESERVE. HOWEVER, HE DOES NOT WANT TO BE BOUND TO ANY DEFINITE PURCHASE PLAN.

#### SILVER REBELLION WILL BE CRUSHED.

#### President's Position Strengthened.

#### LEGISLATION MAY NOT SURVIVE (VETO)

#### SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL

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Washington, To-day.

The Senate silver advocates have withdrawn the pending silver amendments to the Loan Industry Bill.

Senator Thomas, of Oklahoma, said that this was due to the fact that an agreement on the silver vote was assured. Inter.

President Roosevelt's command of the silver situation was strengthened when the Democratic Congress members assured him that they would crush any silver rebellion.

Observers believe that the silver advocates must take exactly what the President is willing to give. They believe that the legislation, so distasteful to the President, will pass, but will not survive the veto.—United Press, per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

### RADICALS TO SUPPORT DOUMERGUE

French Party Purges Its Ranks.

#### PROMINENT LEADERS DROPPED

Clermont Ferrand, To-day.

The Congress of the Radical Party, the strongest Party in the French Chamber and Senate, has decided to continue to support M. Gaston Doumergue's National Government.

It also decided to exclude from the Party, a number of prominent leaders, alleged to have been involved in the Stavisky affair, including the Deputies, M. Andre Heze, Vice-President of the Chamber of Deputies, M. Louis Proust, and also M. Dalimier, who is alleged to have signed a letter from the Ministry of Commerce to Stavisky which facilitated the swindle, and M. Rene Renault, former Minister of Justice for the alleged use of his Parliamentary influence to interfere in the course of justice against Stavisky.—Reuter.

### 10,000 FLOCK TO FUNERAL OF O.G.P.U. CHIEF

Remains Buried In Kremlin Wall.

#### BRITISH AMBASSADOR'S WIFE ATTENDS

Moscow, To-day. Ten thousand people packed the Red Square, here, yesterday afternoon when the ashes of Mensinsky, the O.G.P.U. chief, were buried in a niche in the wall of the Kremlin.

The urn was carried on a litter borne by high officials of the Soviet, including the General Secretary of the Communist Party, M. J. Stalin.

The only diplomatic representative present was Mr. N. H. Charles, Counsellor of the British Embassy, who accompanied the wife of the Ambassador, Lady, Chilton.

The ceremony concluded with an artillery salute and a parade of O. G. P. U. soldiers, cavalry, and artillery, while aeroplanes flew over the Square.—Reuter.

### ARISTOCRATS OF SOVIET.

Revolutionary Workers Honoured.

#### TITLED ORDER INSTITUTED

Moscow, To-day. "Znat (notable)" of the Soviet Union" is the title of a new grade of the Russian Communist Society, to which distinguished workers of the revolutionary cause, and holders of Soviet titles belong.

Prominent members of the new proletarian aristocracy include Nikolai Iz

# The WOMAN'S Page

## Full Skirts Return to Paris

Fashions Influenced By  
World Events.

UTILITY CLOTHES ARE SEEN  
EVERY WHERE

Paris.

It's hard to believe, but in the old days here Rejane used to come to her fittings at Henry Creed's (in the Rue Royale) in a carriage drawn by two mules. They weren't white either, just ordinary gray mules.

Such a sight would look somewhat exotic to-day, despite the fact that, during the taxi strike the fiacres from the Bois have been pinch-hitting in an amusing way, and after the theatre especially, one sees quantities of ancient means of transportation parked in the Grand Boulevards to convey the elite to their homes.

And as if the dressmakers here had anticipated this revival of the old scene, skirts are more than sufficiently full (or slit or made sleekly) to step out east and grace from the sidewalk to the carriage steps.

Definite "trends" in style have been influenced by various happenings and everyone knows that more often than not, Necessity is the Mother of Invention. Whatever our needs are for current living, our clothes must keep in step, and in this epoch of action and emergency, clothes are typified by liveliness, comfort, and general utility.

## SKIRTS LENGTHENING IN PARIS

Closer To Ground As  
Day Progresses.

THREE-QUARTER LENGTH  
COATS

Paris.

IMPRESSIONS gained as to the length of skirts are confirmed by the later and more important collections. They grow longer as the day advances. They begin with a maximum of ten inches from the ground for the morning tweed suit, lengthen after lunch for the ensemble of coat and printed frock, and reach the ankle at cocktail time with dark taffeta bolero and skirt. They even remain there until after dinner with lame tailleur du soir, but more than touch the ground at the end of the evening and there is no limit to the size and fullness of trains which are often underlined by a bright coloured border about two inches wide.

Few Full-Length Coats.

The full length coat is still found, but most coats are three-quarter length, which generally means knee length. However, this varies slightly according to the tallness of the wearer and petite women will look much better if it stops well above the knee. These coats belong properly to morning wear as do the practical coats and skirts, but like the bolero and the short square jacket adopted by Lanvin, they can be worn at any time of the day except in the evening when made in suitable materials.



## HATS LIKELY TO COST MORE.

### Intricate Bows And Feather Decorations.

Dress is greatly assisted by the trend in this season's millinery. The designers of hats are introducing more costly and dressier styles. There is not necessarily much trimming, but this trend is seen in the amount of handwork used, and the variety of fabrics, feathers and novel straws.

Although soft straws designed on simple lines, have possibly but a bow or tiny feather fantail as decoration, this is sure to represent the most intricate work.

A shining up-turned small type of sailor straw in navy is smartly trimmed with a black and scarlet ribbon of cellophane, tied in two or three small bows. A brim-veil may be added to emphasise the fly-away look of the lighter spring shapes.

## CAPES ARE CHIC FOR EVENING.

### Jewellery Coming Into Its Own.

A small cape is still being worn in the evening; the thing is to have one which every other woman would like to copy—such as a capelet made of a mass of bright-coloured taffeta flowers with a perfectly plain dress.

The value of the jewellery worn in the evening just now must be fabulous. Earrings are the ornament of the moment, made in the new fashion to the shape of the lobe of the ear. They are apt to feel a trifl burdonsome as the evening wears on.

The hair, too, must be trimmed and clasps are preferred, although one band made of tiny wild-flowers to match the floral pattern chiffon dress has been noticed. The idea is to have a couple of jewelled clasps to match one on your frock—altogether a very expensive proceeding!

## FASCINATING FABRIC PATTERNS

### New Developments In Weaving Industry.

### FALSE HERRINGBONE AND COAT-OF-MAIL DESIGNS

There are now so many tricks in the weaving trade that one becomes dizzy trying to see what's real and what just looks that way. But being tricky is considered one of the smartest characteristics of the fabric industry.

Carlin is a master, par excellence, of his business of material confusion. He says himself about his new weave called Potinier that it is "a beautiful technical achievement of a sports woolen fabric imitating a mesh weave like the old coats of mail, with rough, uneven dots sprinkled over the surface that stands out like shiny sequins on a dull background."

Imitation Tweed.

Filaran is a false herringbone wool, the diagonal lines simulating the weave of tweed are put on top of the fabric instead of being woven into it. Pattern is another of getting at something new.

A checked design is covered over with a screen of diagonal lines—this sort of design one might make with a pencil while waiting for a delinquent telephone operator to plug in the number you asked for 15 minutes ago.

In fact, it is rumoured that one fabric designer deliberately made a study of such marks made by all of his friends, and even compared them, choosing the best lines from each subconscious drawing!

### COLOUR AND MATERIAL

Darkest blue surah—the material of the moment—should be used for the dress the sleeveless waistcoat being of dull, slate blue flannel, and the swagger coat of palest blue—almost white—linen.

## Bringing Up Father.



## Fashion War on Wrinkles

### Non-Crushable Silks Produced.

### BERETS AND SCARVES PERSIST

Designers have realized at last that crushing and crumpling are not what one looks for in silk, that silk dresses must often be packed, that ladies do sit down, even in silks.

A war on wrinkles has apparently been declared by the best looms and the result is a number of very lovely quite non-crushable silks.

One piece which would be lovely as dress or ensemble is a soft, rich fabric which can be used as shot white on a navy ground or reversed for a lighter effect. Just think what opportunities of self-trimming that offers.

Blistered woven (note that significant word woven) crepes are also non-crushable and Maltese silk is booked for popularity. Cellanese satins in soft, vague patterns will also be bought by women who know their styles.

Then there's another refinement of workmanship in an angel skin finish lock knit Cellanese, in the two-way weave. Crepe-de-chine and marocaines in art silk are to be had this season, and in some charming designs, and the new georgettes and voiles are seductive.

Elephant crepe, heavy and effective in a crinkly cotton will make up into smart dresses or costumes that can be worn without slips. Wool pique in pastel shades is an ideal material for spring days that carry a deceptive shivery undertone despite the sun that leads one to wear light clothes.

Lisle sweaters, white and coloured, with short sleeves and semi-roll collars are definitely endorsed by fashion arbiters. The beret and scarf craze persists and some new light wool sets which have just been received should meet the requirements of these breezy days.

## Black Souffle

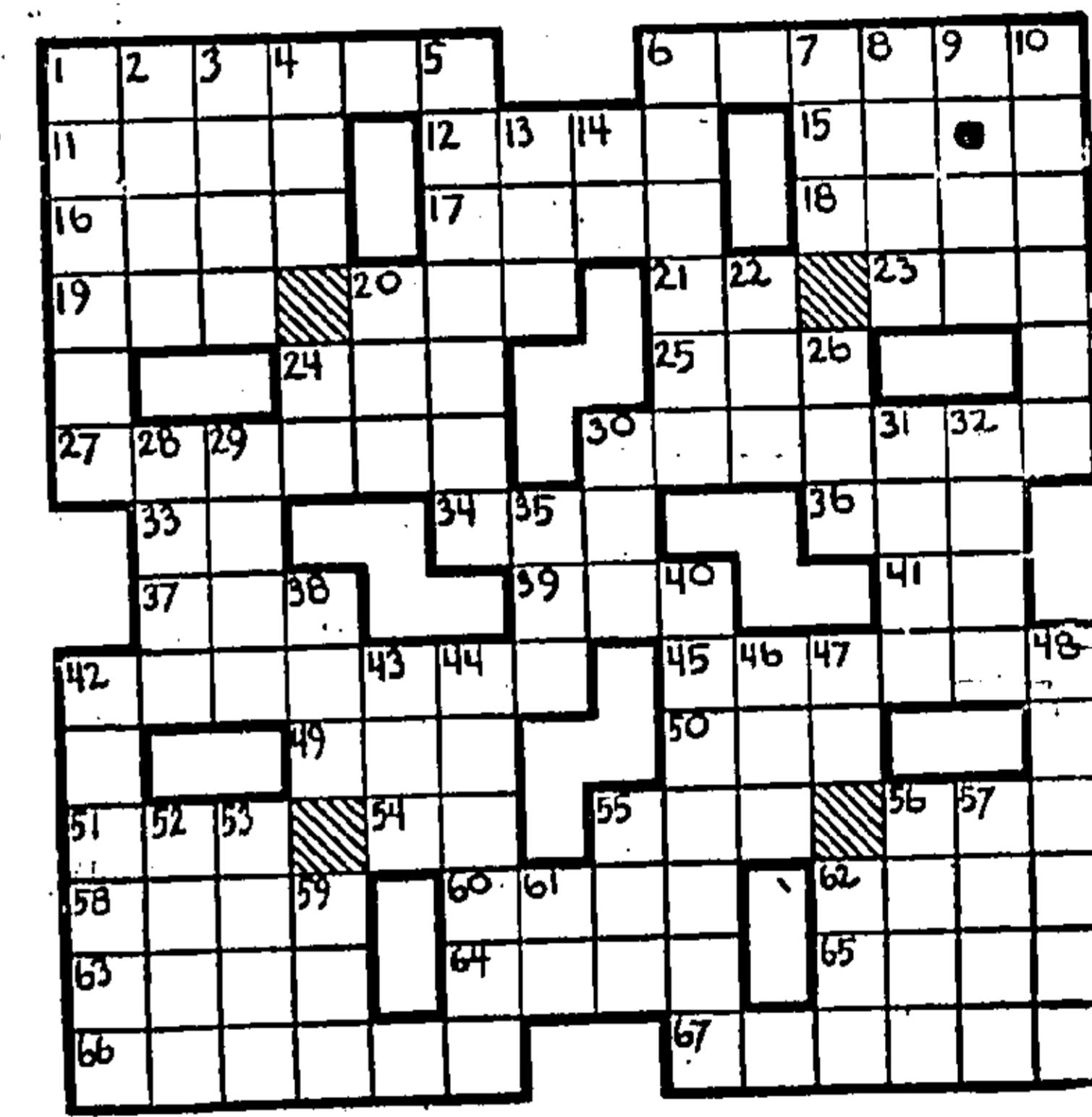


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## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



## FLAT CLIPS HOLD BRASSIERES.

Flat little, clips for fastening brassieres at the back become completely "bumpless" once you snap them shut and work at the first attempt. This clip idea is to be found in brassieres of all types and for evening wear they're quite the helpful gadgets for decolletages. A little loop fastened inside the low back of your dress, and you clip your bra firmly in place and forget it for the rest of the evening.

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13-Part of a cook stove	67-Language of the	27-Carol			
14-Satisfy	68-Scottish High-landers	30-Grow old			
15-Canva shelter	69-Melody	31-Egyptian river			
16-Point of compass (abbr.)	70-Affirm	32-Rend			
17-Part of the face	71-Pieced out	33-Skull			
18-Canva shelter	72-Recited	34-Recent			
19-Point of compass (abbr.)	73-Enticing women	40-Those who darn			
20-Uneven	74-A falsehood	42-Come into view			
21-A printer's measure	75-The number nine	43-A falsehood			
22-Fish eggs	76-Point of compass (abbr.)	44-And (Lat.)			
23-Part of "To be"	77-Scars	45-Moves rapidly			
24-Part of "To be"	78-Greek goddess of discord	46-Scarce			
25-Tear	79-A tree (pl.)	47-Point of compass (abbr.)			
26-Agrees	80-Soffs	48-Selza			
27-Rood (abbr.)	81-Very warm	49-Level			
28-Dip	82-At any time	50-A city in Nevada			
29-Blind	83-Penetrates	51-Spents			
30-Girl's name	84-Revived Version (abbr.)	52-Perched			
31-Crimson	85-Measure of length (abbr.)	53-Saturn			
32-Musical note	86-Bon (Lat.)	54-Series (abbr.)			
33-A little angel					
34-Mohammedan governors					
35-Gal					
36-Roent					
37-Gold					

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.



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**TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME**

The following programme will be broadcasted to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wave length of 355 metres (845 K.C.'s):—

1-2.15 p.m.—European Programme.  
1 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Recorded Music.  
1.15 p.m.—A Relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Orchestra from the Hong Kong Hotel Grill Room.

1.30 p.m.—Local Forecast, etc.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

Violin and Pianoforte Recital from The Studio.

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To-night.

5.8 p.m.—European Programme.  
5.7 p.m.—A Relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Dance Orchestra from the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden.

7 a.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations, etc.

7.03-7.20 p.m.—Review of Revues Played by Debroy Somers Band with Vocal Chorus by Dan Donovan.

7.20-8 p.m.—From the Studio.

A Violin and Pianoforte Recital by Miss Jose Radeski and Miss Mona MacLean.

Programme.

1. Kiss, Me Again (Herbert).

2. Selection Gilbert and Sullivan (H. W. Higgs).

3. Violin Solo—Minuet (Paderewski arr. Kreisler).

Serenade (Toselli).

4. Suit 1, 2, 3. Merchant of Venice (Frederick Rossé).

5. Song—"A Dream" (Sartlett).

8.30-8.40 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.

8.03-8.10 p.m.—Chinese Studio Concert.

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

All Relay of the Hong Kong Hotel

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8.30-10 p.m.—European Recorded Programme from "Z.E.K." on 640 Kilocycles.

8.30-8.35 p.m.—Band Selections From Light Opera.

Selection—

Pirates of Penzance (Sullivan),

Les Cloches De Corneville (Planquette).

Floradora (Stuart).

The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

8.55-9.10 p.m.—Chamber Music.

Air From Suite in D—Transcription (Bach).

Quartet No. 1 in D Major—Finale Allegro (Dittersdorf).

The Lener String Quartet.

Italian Serenade in G Major (Jugo Wolf).

Lener String Quartet.

9.10-9.43 p.m.—Variety.

Song—Brighter than the Sun.

What more can I ask.

Annona Winn (Soprano).

Pianoforte—Can't we Talk it Over.

Now That You're Gone, Carroll Gibbons and his Boy Friends.

Vocal—Night and Day.

Creole Love Call, Comedy Harmonists.

Fox-Trot—

You're Driving Me Crazy.

Slow Fox-Trot—

Stolen Moments,

Rudy Vallée and His Connecticut Yankee.

Vocal Duet—

That's Why Durkies Were Born.

Nevertheless, Layton & Johnstone.

9.43-10 p.m.—Violin Solos by Fritz Kreisler.

La File Aux Cheveux De Lin The Maiden with Flaxen Hair (Dobrusky).

En Boats (Boating) (Dobrusky).

Dance of the Marionettes (Winternitz).

Pollinische Serenade (Kreisler).

Kreisler Serenade (Franz Lehár).

10 p.m.—Close Down.

By Order of the Board,  
A. W. HUGHES,  
General Manager.  
Hong Kong 1st May, 1934.

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**BRIDGE NOTES**

**COSTLY OVERBIDDING**

by Ely Culbertson.

**DIVERGENCE OF OPINION**

Evanston, Illinois. A questionnaire sent to 1,0

# Sporting Page

## CHINA SECOND TO PHILIPPINES IN FAR EASTERN OLYMPIAD

Crimson Gridsters Get in Spring Practice



Although the Fall is a long way off, Harvard University's grid squad doesn't believe in letting the Eddie Casey in a believer in the maxim that practice makes perfect, so he's giving his gridsters plenty of it.

### JAMES WINS BILLIARDS AT SHAMSHUIPO

Close Victory Over Atkinson.

#### LINCOLNS TITLE

L/Sgt. T. James "C" Company beat Pte. Atkinson "H.Q." Wing by 400 points to 318 to win the Lincolnshire Regiment's Battalion Individual Billiards Championship before a crowd of 200 at Shamshui-poo last night.

The game which was 400 up, started at a good pace, James going ahead with breaks of 18, 38 and 26 and gaining a lead of 150 in 300. Atkinson was not playing with his usual confidence.

After passing the 300 mark, however, Atkinson played well, and wiped off nearly 100 of the arrears. To do this he made breaks of 23, 32, 19 and 20 in sequence. James again went to the front with 31 and 27 and eventually won by 82 points.

At the conclusion the Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. E. J. de C. Boys, M.C., presented Cups and Cues to the successful competitors, and the following:

Semi-finalists—Sgt. Ash and Pte. Turner.

Highest Break—Sgt. Green, 57.

### MIXED DOUBLES TENNIS TO-DAY

Two Matches Open 1934 League.

### U.S.R.C. BADLY HANDICAPPED

The 1934 Lawn Tennis Mixed Doubles League will commence this afternoon with two matches.

The Chinese Recreation Club, the holders, are entertaining the Kowloon Cricket Club at Causeway Bay, and the United Services' Recreation Club, last year's runners-up, are at home to the Ladies' Recreation Club at King's Park. Both matches are scheduled to commence at 5 p.m.

The K.C.C. will be strengthened this year by the inclusion of Mrs. Wilson, former Scottish Junior Champion, while the United Services will be handicapped by the loss of Mrs. James, Colony Champion, and Mrs. Lochner, her partner, who won the doubles title last year.

There is some doubt as to whether Miss Endo Lo, sister of the well-known local sportsmen Messrs. M. W. and M. K. Lo, and former Colony champion, will be able to play for the Chinese R.C.

### STEWART WINS BOGEY POOL

Welcome Return To Fanling Contests.

### BROOKS WINS QUALIFYING COMPETITION AT VALLEY

A. B. Stewart (3) signalled his return to competitive golf by winning the Bogeys (Par) Pool with a card of all fours from 33 entries over the Fanling course during the week-end.

C. H. Burton (13) was runner-up with one down.

H. T. Brooks (86-23-62) won the May qualifying competition for the Adamson Cup at Happy Valley.

Other leading scores among the 62 entries were:

R. Young 76-5-71.  
H. N. Williamson 87-15-79.  
H. U. Ireland 79-6-73.  
T. D. Paton 87-14-73.

### HAPPY VALLEY GOLF.

#### Summer Tourney.

The results of the Hong Kong Golf Club, Happy Valley Section, Summer Competition to date are as follows:

First Round.  
W. L. Alexander beat W. Pittendrigh six and four; R. C. Webb beat J. E. Dovey.

Second Round.  
L. Goldman beat C. Thwaites two up; N. Drummond beat A. C. Wilkinson two up; A. C. Young beat D. W. Phillips; J. A. R. Selby beat A. V. Baker five and four; A. Brookbank beat G. Whitehead four and three; J. L. Adams beat T. R. Rowell two and one; J. Angwin beat A. W. Muir three up.

### HONG FOURSOMES AT KOWLOON.

Kowloon Wharf And Godowns Win.

#### ELECTRIC PAIR BEATEN

The Kowloon Wharf and Godowns Company defeated the Hong Kong Electric Company in the Final of the Hong Foursomes at the Kowloon Golf Club yesterday.

Representing the winners, W. Groves and J. Eastman beat J. R. Way and W. Stoker, of the Electric Company, by 4 and 3 over 36 holes.

The golf on the whole was not

### PHILIPPINES LEAD IN FAR EAST GAMES

China To Meet Java At Soccer To-day.

#### GAME THAT WILL DECIDE CHAMPIONSHIP

#### Volleyball Decider.

The Philippines are leading the competing countries in the Far Eastern Games at Manila, having four wins to China's 3, Japan's 2, and Java's 1.

This afternoon will witness the epic Soccer duel between China, who are the favourites, and Java. The winners of this game should secure the championship.

The Lay Tennis series, between China and Japan, and the Philippines and Java, will be concluded to-day with the remaining fact that the Philippines and Japan have already won their rubbers.

The Volleyball game between China and the Philippines to-day should provide the champion team. Both teams have overcome Japan.

The other events on to-day's programme are a Gymnastic demonstration, Boxing, and Pistol and Rifle shooting.

### SCHMELING HELD TO DRAW AT BARCELONA

Bout Against Uzcudun Over Twelve Rounds.

#### WORLD TITLE ASPIRANTS

Barcelona, To-day. Paolini Uzcudun and Max Schmeling, former world heavyweight boxing champion, fought to a draw over 12 rounds here last night.

Reuter.

Schmeling recently injured his thumb, which caused the postponement of the fight in March, but it has since completely healed, and the ex-champion was stated to be in top form for the encounter.

Press reports from America state that Schmeling will probably meet the American heavy-weight, Steve Haines, who beat him last year, in a return match at The Hague on July 1.

#### DEFEATS BY CARNERA

Paolini Uzcudun, known as the "Basque Wood-Chopper," has twice recently come up against Primo Carnera, world champion. Although he lost both encounters on points, Uzcudun showed himself to be a plucky fighter, taking severe punishment, but lasting the 16 rounds on both occasions.

His first encounter was on October 22 last year in Rome, Italy, and the second meeting was in January this year.

#### FORMER WORLD CHAMPION

Max Schmeling, of Germany, secured the world title, to succeed Gene Tunney, when he won from Jack Sharkey on a foul in the fourth round on June 12, 1930.

He lost the title to Sharkey, however, on June 21, two years later, on a doubtful points decision.

He attempted to stage a comeback last year when he met Max Baer, but the latter gave him a severe setback by executing the k.o. in the tenth round. The fight took place in New York on June 8. Walter Neusel, German contender, is now in line to challenge Carnera for his title, following his win over Tommy Loughran, and it looks as if Uzcudun's chance of a third fight with the champion, may be indefinitely postponed.

This is the first occasion the Godown Co. had that little bit better play to give them the advantage. At the end of the first eighteen holes they were 2 up, and held three holes lead at the 27th, eventually winning the match at the 38th.

This is the first occasion the Godown Co. have been successful in winning the "Page Shield" in the "Hong" foursomes. Last year the shield was won by Lane, Crawford, Ltd., who defeated the Godown Co. in the final.

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### RESULT OF FIRST TWO DAYS' GAMES

### JAPAN'S THIRD PLACE IN FRONT OF JAVA

#### TWO PROTESTS LODGED

Manila, Yesterday. The Chinese athletes led a brilliant and colourful parade to open the Tenth Far Eastern Olympic Games in Manila yesterday, and then demonstrated their undisputed superiority on the soccer field by crashing through to a 2 to 0 win over the Philippines, Tam Kong-pak and Lee Wai-tong scoring the goals.

The Chinese, not content with their football success, recorded an overwhelming basketball win over the Japanese by 42 to 27, gaining the warm admiration of American spectators who likened their tactics to those of Collegiate teams.

#### FIRST DAY

### CHINA LEAD PARADE OF NATIONS

Dr. Wang Addresses 20,000 Crowd.

### JAPANESE LODGE PROTEST.

#### Running Track Too Short.

#### THREAT TO WITHDRAW NOW SETTLED

#### Manila, To-day.

China encountered a rough passage in yesterday's programme, winning only the Volleyball against Japan and losing the other contests.

The Japanese team entered a formal protest, alleging that the Chinese contingent had violated and made a substitution of the rules, but the complaint has not yet been decided.

The weather cleared up surprisingly, allowing all the contests to be held.

The Japanese Basketball team again bowed to the Philippines, who administered a smashing defeat by 51 goals to 35, causing the belief that the final of this event will be decided between China and the Philippines.

A local pluviometer was by the Japanese delegation, who surveyed the running track and found it to be eight millimeters short of the regulation distance.

They, therefore, threatened to withdraw from the running events, but the matter was eventually settled amicably.

The local papers are amusedly commenting on the importance of eight millimeters in a two or three miles' race.—Reuter.

### CYCLING CLUB'S ISLAND SPIN.

### Bathing Picnic For Next Sunday:

Yesterday's Island spin of the Hong Kong Cycling Club was greatly curtailed by the inclement weather of the morning. A start was not made until 2 p.m., when, under the leadership of Mr. H. G. Crawford, the Hon. Secretary a moderate attendance met at Hennessy Road, and left Victoria by way of Tai Hang.

In order to add variety, to the programme, next Sunday's run will include a bathing picnic, a halt being made near Castle Peak from approximately 2 p.m. till 5 p.m. The run will start at 10.30 a.m. from the Star Ferry, Kowloon, when Mr. H. G. Keates will lead the party via Tai Po and Fanling to the bathing venue. Shamshui-poo will be reached about 7 p.m.

The scores were:  
Sato (Japan) beat Kho Hooi Hye 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.  
Yamada (Japan) beat Kho Sien Kie 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.

In the meantime the Philippines triumphed over their Java rivals with the following results:

Leonardo Gavia (P. L.) beat Hooi Hye 2-4, 6-4, 6-4, 7-5.  
Francisco Aragon (P. L.) beat Seneville 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.—Reuter.

#### RESULTS TO-DATE

##### Football.

2 PHILIPPINES 0  
7 JAPAN 1

##### Basketball.

42 JAPAN 27  
PHILIPPINES 51 JAPAN 35

##### Lawn Tennis.

3 CHINA 0  
PHILIPPINES 3 JAVA 0

##### Volleyball.

3 JAPAN 1  
PHILIPPINES 3 JAPAN 1

##### Baseball.

25 CHINA 1  
JAPAN 20 CHINA 1

##### WOMEN'S GAMES.

##### Volleyball.

3 CHINA 0  
PHILIPPINES 3 CHINA 0

##### SECOND DAY

##### CHINA WIN AT VOLLEYBALL.

##### Japanese Protest Undecided.

##### Manila, To-day.

In the Volleyball yesterday the Chinese team bitterly contested every inch of the game and eventually emerged victorious over Japan by 18 to 21, 21 to 13, 16 to 21, 21 to 10 and 21 to 14.

The Japanese team entered a formal protest alleging that the Chinese contingent had violated and made a substitution of the rules, but the complaint has not yet been decided.—Reuter.

##### Chinese Girls Beaten By Philippines.

##### Manila, To-day.

The Chinese girls' Volleyball team yesterday lost in a close contest to the Philippine girls by scores of 21 to 13, 21 to 10 and 22 to 20.—Reuter.

##### PHILIPPINES AND JAPAN WIN.

##### Tennis Rubbers Are Decided:

##### Manila, To-day.

In the Lawn Tennis matches, yesterday, the Chinese double players, Kho Hooi-Hye and Kho Sien-ki lost to the Japanese pair, Sato and Yamagishi, by 6-3, 7-5, 6-2.

Meanwhile, the Philippine pair defeated Java, Zamora and Oly outclassing the Hoepn brothers by 6-1, 8-6, 6-8, 7-9, 6-2.—Reuter.

##### CHINESE ROUTED AT BASEBALL.

##### Matty Chang Scores Lone Tally.

##### Manila, To-day.

The Chinese Baseball team was yesterday again ignominiously defeated, the Japanese overwhelming them by 20 runs to 1.

China's lone tally was scored in the sixth-innings by Matty Chang. The scores were:

R. H. E. China ..... 1 3 3  
Japan ..... 20 14 3

—Reuter.

##### JAVA SOCCER TEAM BEAT JAPAN.

##### Keen Game Against China Expected.

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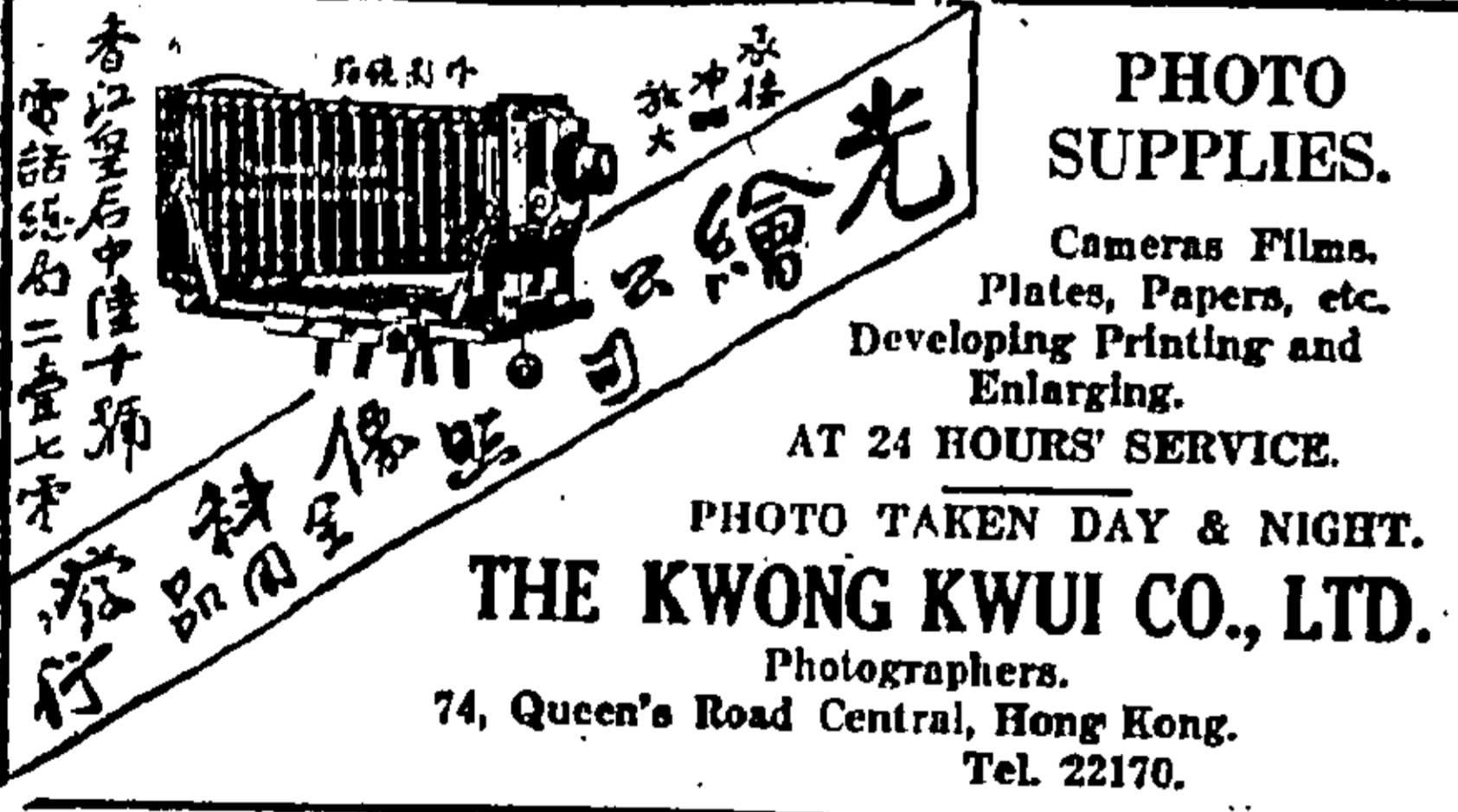
Brahms—Concerto In D. . . . . Szegedi (Violin) and Halle Orch.  
Schumann—Concerto In A Minor . . . Yves Nat (Piano) and Sym. Orch.  
Beethoven—Kreutzer Sonata . . . . Huberman (Violin) Friedman  
(Piano).

Mendelssohn—Concerto In E Minor . . . Szegedi (Violin) and Phil. Orch.  
Brahms—Quartet In C Minor . . . . Lerner String Quartet.

Schubert—Quartet In A Minor . . . . Kolisch Quartet.

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CAVALCADE  
FAILS TO WIN  
THE "DOUBLE"

Beaten By Head In  
Preakness

HIGH QUEST BREAKS  
TRACK RECORD

Baltimore, To-day. Mrs. Isabel Dodge Sloan's Cavalcade, winner of the Kentucky Derby, was beaten out of the "double" by a head by High Quest in the Preakness Stakes, valued at \$25,000, on Saturday.

Mr. Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt's Discovery was only a head behind Cavalcade for third place in the field of seven starters. Discovery was second to Cavalcade in the Kentucky classic.

High Quest covered the 9 1/2 furlongs in 1:58.1 to establish new track figures for this race, beating the former record, held jointly by Coventry and Mate, by four-fifths of a second.

The result as cabled by Reuter was:

1. High Quest (1 to 2)

2. Cavalcade (1 to 2)

3. Discovery (7 to 1)

Time: 1:58.1.

The following horses have won the Pimlico classic for 3-year-olds:

1918—War Cloud (117).

1919—Sir Barton (126).

1920—Man O' War (126).

1921—Broomspun (114).

1922—Pillory (114).

1923—Vigil (114).

1924—Nelly Morse (121).

1925—Coventry (126).

1926—Display (126).

1927—Bostonian (126).

1928—Victorian (126).

1929—Dr. Freeland (126).

1930—Galant Fox (126).

1931—Mate (126).

1932—Burgo King (126).

1933—Head Play (126).

1933—High Quest (126).

The fastest time over nine furlongs was 1:51.3, recorded in 1920

and 1922. The distance for the race was changed in 1925.

Victorian's win in 1928 netted

\$60,000 in stakes.

FAVOURITE WINS  
KENTUCKY DERBY

Cavalcade Pays Out  
\$5 for Win.

DISCOVERY BEATEN BY  
2 1/2 LENGTH

Louisville, May 5. Cavalcade, ridden by Mack Garner, to-day won the Kentucky Derby and a \$28,175 purse in convincing fashion. Coming with a rush in the home stretch, Cavalcade passed the winning post 2 1/2 lengths in front of Mr. John Simonetti's Discovery, who took second place from Mrs. Frank J. Heller's Agrarian by a scant margin.

Cavalcade, owned by the Brookmead Stables, was coupled with Time Clock in the betting and paid \$5 to win, \$4 to place, and \$3.20 to show, for \$2 tickets. Discovery paid \$9.20 to place and \$5.50 to show. Agrarian returned his show backers \$5.

The winner was a heavy favorite and the crowd of 75,000, the largest in the history of the American Turf classic, went wild with enthusiasm when he staved off Discovery's spurt in front of the stands. The track was very fast, but though the field got away to a good start, the time was relatively slow. Cavalcade being clocked in 2 min. 4 sec., or 2.1/6 sec. slower than the record for the race, made by Twenty Grand when he did 2.01.4 in 1931.

FILLY'S GAME RACE  
Mata Hari, the game little filly of Mr. Charles T. Fisher, set the pace in the early running, but did not have quite enough stamina to stay on top, finishing a good fourth. Other entries finished in the following order:—Mr. J. E. Widener's Peace Chance; the Green tree Stable's Spy Hill; the Brookmead Stable's Time Clock; Mrs. J. H. Whitney's Singing Wood; Col. E. R. Bradley's Bazaar; Mr. J. H. Louie's Speedmore; Mr. John Simonetti's Sergeant Byrne; Mr. Alexander Gordon's Sir Thomas; and Mrs. E. F. Simms' Quasi Modo.—United Press.

This running of the Derby was

Laugh and Lather



OLYMPIC GAMES

(Continued from Page 4)

MARKSMEN AT  
THE GAMES.

Team Pistol Match  
For To-morrow

CHINESE INTEREST

The free pistol match and the International Dewar free rifle match, to be held under the auspices of the Far Eastern Olympic games, and conducted by the Philippine Shooting League has created a great deal of interest, not only among the Islands' marksmen, but is creditably reflected in the fact that the delegation of Chinese athletes, immediately upon their being domiciled at La Salle College, proceeded to register five contestants in each of the individual events, as well as in the team matches.

Team Pistol Match

The team pistol match will be held at the Motorboat and Gun Club Range, Parranlue, Rezil, tomorrow, using the same time for firing orders and under similar conditions as for the individual match, teams will probably be composed of five men, the high aggregate scores to count. Prizes: silver and bronze medals to the winner and runner up.

Individual Rifle Match  
On Motorboat and Gun Club Range, Camp Claudio.

Paranaque

May 17

Free Rifle. Rifles without restriction as to barrel length weight, set triggers, or accessories. Metallic sights only may be used.

International Dewar match on international targets consisting of twenty shots at 100 metres in two stages of ten minutes per stage and twenty shots at 50 metres in four stages of five minutes per stage.

Drawings for place in the individual rifle match are as follows:

First Order

7:00 a.m., May 17  
Target No. 1 J. M. Kane, USN, 9 reserved for Chinese entry, 3 Sgt. Aquino, 4 Mr. "X", Los Banos Agricultural College, 5 Lt. C. G. Rau, USA, 6 reserved for Chinese, 7 C. Pescante, 8 1st Sgt. de Yro 9 Johnny Harris, 10 Modesto Flores, 11 Victor Baltazar, 12 Capt. I. P. Villasanta.

Second Order

7:30 a.m., May 17  
Target No. 1 reserved for Chinese entry, 2 Leandro Ocampo, 3 Mr. Grino Agricultural College Los Banos, 4 Mr. Moyco, Agricultural College, Los Banos, 5 Delfin Haranilla, Jr., 6 reserved for Chinese, 7 Jimmy Harris, 8 R. Dixon, 9 Angel Rivera, 10 Pfc. Pasco, 11 Dr. R. Soler, 12 Pvt. Binondo.

Third Order

8:00 a.m., May 17  
Target No. 1 I. L. Bagaoisan, 2 G. Johansson, 3 A. D. Hileman, 4 Teodoro Kalaw, Jr., 5 Mamerto Buenafe, 6 Martin Guiso, 7 Cpl. Pasaporte, 8 reserved for Chinese, 9 Mariano Nava, Jr., 10 Cileento Cagaoan.

The 50 metre match will be fired with the same orders, and firing places as follows:

1st Order—10:30 a.m.

2nd Order—11:00 a.m.

3rd Order—11:30 a.m.

The times of the 50-metre match, while scheduled as above, may be advanced in case belated entries do not complete a 4th, 5th and 6th order.

As in the pistol match, two sighting shots will be allowed at each of the ranges. Prizes for this event, one gold, one silver, and eight bronze medals.

Team Rifle Match  
This match will be fired on Saturday, using the same firing orders and conditions as for the individual match. Teams will be composed as stated for pistol match for teams.

STRONGER TEAM THIS  
YEAR THAN LAST

STOEFEN'S RIGHT TO BE  
NAMED NO. 1

THREE BEST DOUBLES PLAYERS  
IN SIDE

In picking Lester R. Stoenen, Los Angeles; George M. Lott Jr., Chicago; Francis X. Shields, New York; Wilmer L. Allison, Austin, Texas and Sidney B. Wood Jr., New York, to report to R. Norris Williams, captain of the United States Davis Cup team, for preliminary practice in preparation for the coming campaign which is to end at Wimbledon this summer, the American selection committee has undoubtedly named the best amateurs at the present time.

It is also the opinion in America that a stronger team will be developed from this squad, under the guidance of Dick Williams, than any that has represented the United States in a number of years. It may not win the trophy back this year; but it should come very close to it.

The team, as named, has been selected on the basis of singles play, yet it contains three of the best doubles players that the United States has to offer.

They are Lott, who is generally regarded as the best doubles player in the world, Stoenen, who is co-holder with Lott of the United States doubles championship, and Wilmer L. Allison, who has won more than one important doubles match with John W. Van Ryn as his partner.

Last year Shields, Allison and Stoenen were ranked Nos. 1, 2 and 3 respectively in American singles circles; but, if play as it has progressed up to the present time this year is taken into consideration, it looks very much as if Stoenen were entitled to be ranked No. 1.

Unless there is a decided change in the situation between now and the time the Americans have to take the courts in cup play, Williams can hardly do better than nominate Stoenen and Shields for the singles and Stoenen and Lott for the doubles.

Sterner Opposition

For the past three or four years, Uncle Sam has been sending Davis Cup teams to Europe with fine prospects of regaining the famous cup only to see them fall before either France in the challenge round or Great Britain in the final of the interzone competition. The teams have looked good on paper, but have not been there on the courts.

Last year's elimination by Great Britain was especially discouraging, as, to the Americans, it was most unexpected. This year the opposition is going to be harder than it was in 1933.

Japan and Australia are out to make things very interesting for the United States before it can claim the right to challenge. Should it win that right, it will find a stronger British team defending than the one that it met in 1933, as reports from England state that Frederick J. Perry is a much better player than he was last year and that W. H. (Bunny) Austin has regained his old-time form.

To make up for the disappointments of past years, the Americans will have to depend on improved playing and better leadership, and it now looks as if they would qualify in both.

China Mail  
Sports Diary

TO-DAY.

Contract Bridge—  
Second Round of open Tournament,  
5:30 p.m.

Lawn Bowls—  
Entries close for Hong Kong Lawn  
Bowls Association Singles, Pairs  
and Rink Competitions.

Tennis—Mixed Doubles League—  
Chinese R.C. v. Kowloon C.C.

U.S.R.C. v. Ladies' R.C.

Meetings—  
Hong Kong Football Association  
Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

TO-MORROW

Lawn Tennis—"A" Division—  
Chinese R.C. "A" v. Club de  
Recreio

South China A.A. v. Cragengowar  
C.C.

Indian R.C. v. Chinese R.C. "B"

"B" Division—  
Kowloon C.C. v. Chinese R.C. "B"

"C" Division—  
Hong Kong C.C. v. U.S.R.C.

THURSDAY

Lawn Tennis—"B" Division—  
Kowloon C.C. v. University

South China A.A. v. Indian R.C.

Chinese R.C. v. Graduates Ass.

Club de Recreio v. Hong Kong C.C.

Final scores were:

R. H. E.  
Philippines ... 25 18 1.

China ... 1 6 7.

Joe E. Brown, Warner Brother's film comedian, contributed comedy to this game.—Reuter.



## LITERARY NOTES.

## TIME IT TAKES TO WRITE A NOVEL

## Authors Spurred On By Financial Troubles.

## EDGAR WALLACE'S RECORD

Miss Loveday Prior, the young author of "A Law Unto Themselves," the "Evening Standard" Book of the Month for March, required only 40 days in which to write this, her first novel. The book is a long one of 458 pages.

A year is still regarded as about the average time for the writing of an important novel. Arnold Bennett, so methodical that he was able day by day to write in his journal, "Yesterday I wrote—Words," devoted between eight and twelve months to his best-known works writes an "Evening Standard" correspondent. One day Bennett came into the office of his agent and said that on a certain date he would bring in the manuscript of a story that would establish himself for all time. Not a line of it was written then.

On the exact day he had mentioned he appeared with the manuscript. It was "The Old Wives' Tale."

600,000 Words In Three Months.

I rank Scott and Trollope as the two quickest all-round workers among our great novelists. Trollope would knock out two chapters of a novel in a train from London to Manchester.

In 1867 he published four novels, three of two volumes each. In 1870 there were four books, three of them novels; in 1873 two three-volume novels, two two-volume novels and a Life of Palmerston, a one-volume novel, two two-volume novels and a three-volume novel—the equivalent in length of nine modern novels.

Scott, heavily involved by the bankruptcy of his publishers, wrote in thirteen months "Ivanhoe," "The Monastery," "The Abbot" and "Kenilworth." "Woodstock" took less than three months.

Balzac, likewise spurred on by financial troubles, was even quicker. He completed six books, each of 100,000 words, in three months.

## Fast And Slow.

Edgar Wallace stands alone for rapid output. He wrote one 70,000-word novel in three days. But the dictaphone, a secretary, and a typist were all brought into use. So easily could he reel off his matter that he was generally ahead of them.

The other extreme is Conrad. He signed a contract for "The Rescue" on March 4, 1893. He finished it in 1914. It was published in 1920.

## P. G. WODEHOUSE AGAIN.

## Matrimonial Plot In New Novel.

Mr. P. G. Wodehouse is chiefly famous for his butlers and chinless young Englishmen, but he is also at his best when dealing with the virtuous not-so-young spinster. Miss Pillinger in "A Sea of Troubles" had been waiting 20 years to be insulted by Mr. Meggs, her employer. He on the other hand having decided on suicide was merely taking what he considered a tender last farewell:

"Smiles excepted, there is nothing so hard to classify as a kiss. Mr. Meggs' notion was that he kissed Miss Pillinger much as some great general, wounded unto death, might have kissed his mother, his sister, or some particularly sympathetic aunt...."

Her subsequent attack on him and the exercise thereby involved cured Mr. Meggs of his dyspepsia and made him feel life was worth living after all.

## Browning And Byron MSS. Sold.

The sale of manuscripts and first editions in New York on April 4 and 5 was remarkable. The collection contained many MSS. of English authors, including 12 poems of Browning, Stevenson's autographed notes on "The Covenants," and Byron's "Ode to Thomas Moore."

## Discoverers of Historical Ruins.



Captain Cornillon Molinier (left), photographed on arrival at Le Bouget flying field, Paris. He piloted the plane in which, accompanied by M. Andre Malraux, the French explorer and novelist, stated to have passed over the legendary City of Sheba on the northern boundary of the Rub-El-Khali (the Great Desert of Southern Arabia) recently. Malraux set out secretly from Paris on February 22 with Capt. Cornillon-Molinier as pilot. Their object was to find the ruins of the city from which Balak, Queen of Sheba, travelled to Palestine to see King Solomon. The search involved a flight of about 1,000 miles over an unexplored part of the desert.

## Literary Slimming Out Of Fashion

## Stout Volumes Released By Publishers

## RETURN OF THE RUSSIAN NOVEL

(By Howard Spring.)

The novelists continue to give us detail piled on detail. Literary slimming is out of fashion; in fiction, as in chorus girls, we are returning to an Edwardian amplitude.

Two publishers recently decided that unusually fat books need not demand unusually fat prices. There has been a tendency of late for a book stouter than the normal to be priced at anything between eight shillings and half a guinea. But "And Quiet Flows the Don," Mikhail Sholokhov (Putnam, 756 pages), and "Child of Norman's End," by Ernest Raymond (Cassell, 521 pages) cost the same as "Parable for Lovers," by Lewis Gibbs (Dent, 246 pages). They are 7s. 6d. each.

Just before the war there was a great run on the Russians. Chiefly through the energy of Mr. Aslmer Maude and M. Garnett, we all had access to Tolstoy and Turgenev, Chekhov and Dostoevsky; and our growing devotion to a dark and brooding world of insomnia, debility, frustration and hallucination led the late Arnold Bennett. I remember, to utter a word of warning. He pointed out the profound cleavage between the British and the Russian attitude to life, and questioned whether too much steeping in that emotional Turkish bath (though he did not use those words) was good for us.

I do not see much evidence that those old Russians are read much by young people now; and, for myself, I have often wondered what the new Russia has bred to replace them. You can't complain that our reading is over-Russianised now. So far as fiction goes little has been done to enlighten us concerning the present state of things under the Soviets.

Therefore, I welcome the translation of Mr. Sholokhov's book "And Quiet Flows the Don." We learn one startling thing, right away, and that is that in Russia to-day the taste for fiction—the right sort—is alert enough to ensure a book a sale of a million copies. I do not know whether that is unprecedented; certainly it is sensational. But there it is: we have the publishers' word that a million copies of this book have been sold in Russia since 1929.

I can understand that, happening in Russia; but it would be surprising if, in this country, the book met with a comparable success. A considerable success, I should think it will achieve (Mr. Stephen Garry's translation carries the story through with a beautiful lucidity), but I believe that most English readers will experience a growing tedium as they follow this

narrative relentlessly flowing like the Don itself.

## Peace And War.

The book is divided into four parts: Peace, War, Revolution, Civil War. It opens with a detailed description of life in a Cossack community. There are scenes of great beauty, and scenes of bestiality and horror. The outstanding matter of this part is the lawless love of young Gregor the Cossack for Aksinia, his neighbour's wife, what slackens the interest is that Aksinia gradually fades out after the middle of the second part; and though there is excitement enough with war, revolution, and the rest of it to be portrayed, one feels the lack of central human interest.

Dozens of characters come and go; we are given the gross and revolting descriptions of death and mutilation to which so many war books have accustomed us; we follow the dissolution of the troops and the slow dropping of revolutionary seed into furrows made ripe and ready by alternations of enmity and anguish. And so to the crisis, to Kornilov's abortive counter-move; and finally to the spectacle of the baffled Cossacks who don't know where they are, or whom they want to support, in a world made difficult for simple men.

The book is a remarkable achievement; but I think one would need to be nearer to the events depicted to extract full satisfaction from the leisurely treatment.

There is always danger, in writing about a thing you have known intimately, of assuming that your readers' interest will equal your own. It worked out all right for Mr. Sholokhov because the Russians necessarily are interested profoundly in events that so changed their destinies. But Mr. Ernest Raymond, I feel, overestimates our interest in Norman's End. He has, he confesses, "lapsed his childhood's memory."

"I also was of Norman's End," he begins one chapter, and all the way through he obscures his own personality and chatters on with a happy affectionate garrulity. One feels that so many reminiscences came to him when he began his book that he mistakenly supposed himself to be suffering from an embarrassment of riches. He wasn't really. He was suffering from the riotous overgrowth of recollection which a wise gardener would have attacked with a pruning knife.

## A Simple Tale.

The tale is essentially simple. It concerns a girl and boy growing up in neighbouring houses under the dominance of relatives who exercised the old "heavy hand" of

## AMERICA'S BEST SELLERS

## Middle West Person Heads List

## RELIGIOUS NOVEL'S SUCCESS

The American Institute of Arts and Sciences have compiled a list of the 65 best-selling books published in America since 1875.

The list is headed by a religious novel called "In His Step," by Charles Monroe Sheldon, a Middle West clergyman. Published in 1899, it has sold more than 8,000,000 copies.

Second, with a 2,000,000 sale, is "Freckles," by Mrs. Gene Stratton-Porter, who also occupies the fourth, fifth and eighth place.

The only two definitely literary authors in the list are Mark Twain, whose "Tom Sawyer" ranks him ninth, and Mr. Somerset Maugham, who gets the last place with his "Of Human Bondage." It had sold some 600,000 copies. It is almost as popular as "The Sheik" by E. M. Hull, and two-thirds as well liked as Edgar Rice Burroughs' "Tarzan of the Apes."

English publishers will no doubt be able to produce startling figures for popular English writers, like Edgar Wallace, Nat Gould, and Florence Barclar.

An author who for collective sales will be hard to beat, is the late Edward Stratemayer, an American of German descent, who died in 1930.

Stratemayer was the father of 50-cent American juvenile fiction which sells more copies in the States than grown-up fiction (22,400,000 to 19,200,000 in 1931).

Of an output which exceeded 800 books, his most popular sellers are "Motor Boys," "Nancy Drew," and the "Tom Swift" series. The collective sales amount to-day to more than 30,000,000 copies.

Stratemayer had a host of allies—Captain Bonehill, Victor Appleton, Laura Lee Hope, May Hollis Barton, and Roy Rockwood among them—but he composed, at any rate, his first books unaided by "ghosts," dictating daily from eleven to five. His work is being carried on to-day by his daughter.

He died a millionaire.

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## Stephen McKenna's New "Cavalcade."

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## THE PHILOSOPHER OF FLEET STREET

## Lord Castlerosse's Book Published.

Like every author, Lord Castlerosse, whose book "Valentine Days" was published last month, has his tricks.

There is his Celtic passion for quoting poetry. The quotation generally begins with an apology: "You remember those lines. If I make a mistake, you must forgive me. I haven't seen them since I wrote them as an imposition at school."

Then the book of quotations is brought down, the lines are marked off, and the book is thrown to his secretary to be copied out.

But he has a real gift for original phrase and for philosophy which to me at any rate are more interesting even than his stories.

## CHARACTERS THAT SICKEN.

## Subtle Writing By Godfrey Winn.

Fly Away, Youth. By Godfrey Winn (Duckworth, 7s. 6d.)

This novel is about the sort of people whom one loathes. Half of them do nothing but flutter round in amorous inconstancy, the others do little but talk about books and pictures, films and gramophone records.

It must be counted to Mr. Winn's virtue as a writer that he makes interesting in his book this set of people who would bore one to tears in reality. Through his procession of bronze gods and hamadryads, picking and tanning themselves on the Riviera, there moves one figure with some hold on responsibility: a subtly-drawn woman novelist, living in her fiction the life that is denied her among her fellows.

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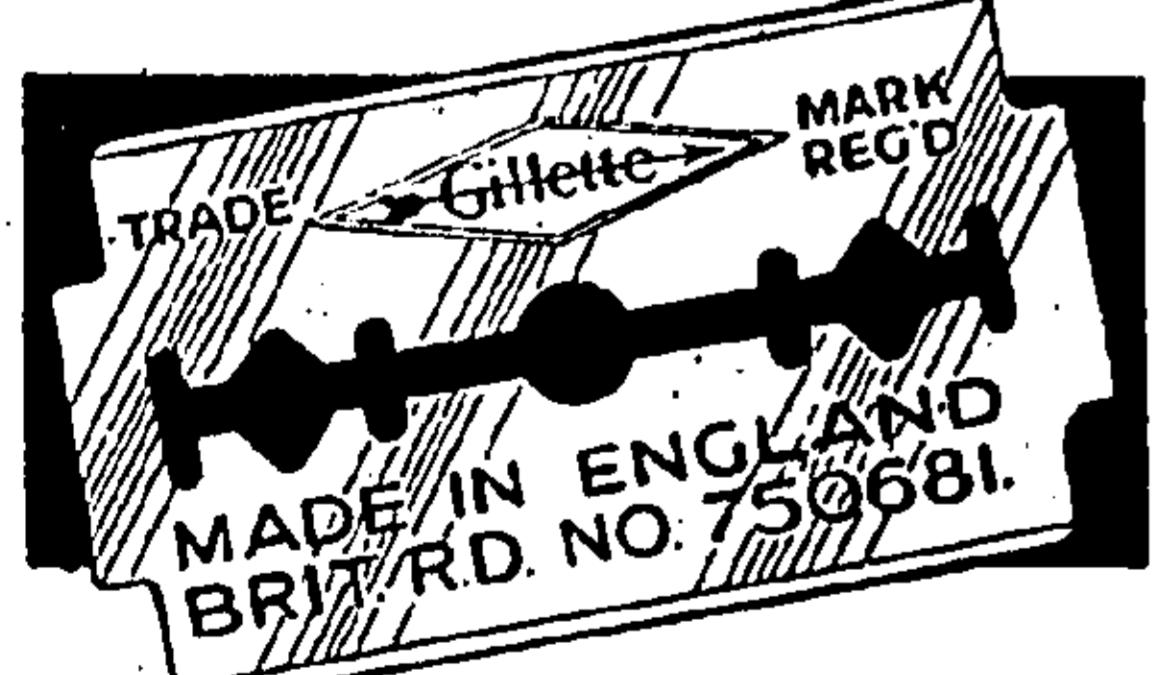
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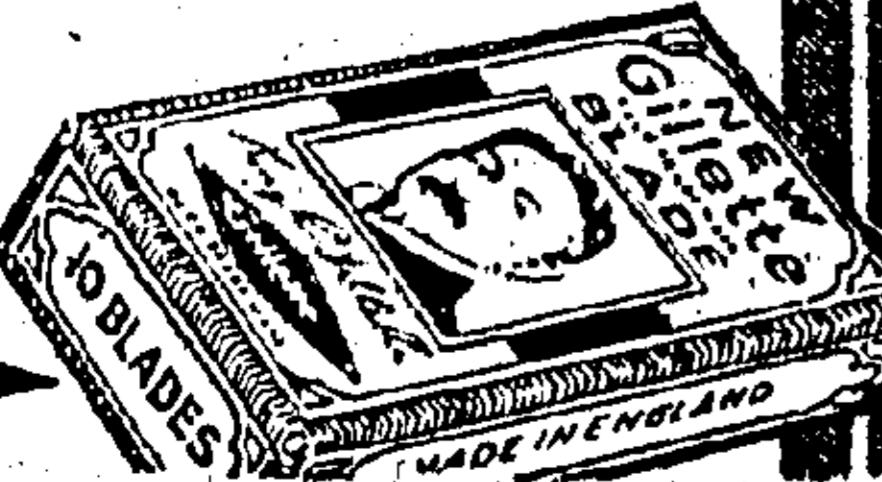
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In Russia, where he was the British military representative, he was known to the various British missions as "Hanbury-Bill." The Tsar was very fond of him.

He has an office in St. James's Palace and a flat in the Henry III Tower in Windsor Castle.

His successor will presumably be an outside appointment. Mr. J. B. Monck, his assistant, is a Foreign official and fulfils more or less the duties of a permanent Under-secretary.

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Football v. Politics

The cancelling of the international football match between Poland and Czechoslovakia has a serious political background.

The match was cancelled, not by the Polish Football Association, but by the Polish Government on the slender ground that it might have caused an anti-Polish political demonstration.

Recently the Czechs arrested three Polish agitators, who had been carrying on irredentist propaganda in the Czechoslovak portion of Silesia. Poland, retaliated by deporting 18 Czechs from the Polish portion of Silesia.

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Fire And Fury

The match was a zone contest for world championship tournament, which is to be held in Rome this month.

Each country plays the other twice, and it is, perhaps, significant that the Czechs had already beaten the Poles in Warsaw.

It is also significant that the grand stand of the Sparta ground in Prague, where the match was to have been played, was destroyed by fire a few weeks ago.

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Professor Of Flying

A chair for Flying is to be created at the University of Jena. The appointment will be announced in a few days.

This must be the first appointment of a Professor of Flying. It is an example which is likely to be followed.

Taken with the increase in the Air Estimates and the vast number of sport-flying centres, it is a further proof of Nazi intentions to make Germany the most air-minded nation in the world.

Your Daily Smile!

So her husband found you out? Not exactly; he found me in and then threw me out.

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MIAOU!

"Mabel is going about telling lies about me."

"Don't worry now, dear. Wait till she starts telling the truth."

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Cocktail Chatter.

"I like a girl to have a fresh complexion."

"Yes, but not too often."

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Revelations.

His wife took notice of every word he said... when he talked in his sleep.

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THOUGHTLESS

The builder who built a prison wall to scale.

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MY TAME TYPIST

Thought a "joint account" was the butcher's bill.

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Little Thought.

All men are born equal; it's what they're equal to that makes the difference.

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Answer to Correspondent.

No, Henry, a greengrocer is not merely a simple grocer.

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Problem.

Q.—Where do we find man food?

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A.—Where woman goes.

"MISTRESS OF SEAS"  
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ONLY MEANS OF DEFENCE

(By Amy Mollison.)

London.

ANY Government of this country in the present circumstances of the world would have been guilty of criminal negligence had they neglected to make their precautions."—Mr. Baldwin's words in 1932 when speaking of the next war.

Have precautions been taken? It is now a generally accepted fact that in the next war aviation will play a major role. This obvious truth brings with it not only a completely new technique in military tactics, but also a new ratio of values in peace-time diplomacy.

Britain who ruled the waves was a power to contend with, an authority whose dictates could be enforced if need be.

To-day "Mistress of the Seas" is little more than a grand, hollow title; what counts now is to rule the air.

In our humble position as fifth in military air-power, how can we promise and keep our promises, how threaten and back up our threats? From the polite snubs we are beginning to receive from the Powers above us it would seem that one day we may find the politeness gone—then what? We shall probably find it too late to recapture the position of authority we are now throwing away.

An article in a national newspaper recently advocated a policy of "splendid isolation." That sound fine on the surface, but how are we going to achieve it, or how defend our neutrality? Build a wall around our island with a bomb-proof roof over the top? Where shall we get our food, and what about our Dominions?

In any European dispute we may depend upon it that, even had we no commitments at all and no treaties or promises to honour, we should find it impossible to keep out. We could not be self-supporting for even three weeks.

We are dependent on supplies from other countries; our welfare depends very greatly on the conditions of Europe; we have thousands of nationals living abroad and millions of pounds in foreign investments.

Danger Of Surprise.

Self-interest would compel us to defend our rights. Our temperament is such that we could not allow ourselves to be stepped on right and left, even if we were not actually attacked. This being so, with what have we to defend ourselves?

If the aggressor in the next war is strong enough and quick enough the first mighty blow from the air will probably prove the deciding factor for victory. It will mean instant surrender or utter ruin.

In the last war we were more or less unprepared, but we had means at hand to rectify our deficiencies. Factories were commissioned, labour mobilised and munitions and war material turned out as fast as humanly possible.

There will be no time to prepare after the next declaration of war.

In Europe there are thousands of long-range bombers, perfectly capable of flying over here and destroying our factories, affecting the moral of our workers, and effectively crippling our means of preparation.

The science of aviation has progressed so extensively in recent years that even in thick cloud and fog pilots can fly blind to their objective, drop their bombs, and return unseen. How are we to stop them? We cannot.

Our Government tells us that we have a certain measure of home defence. We have aircraft guns; searchlights which work on the "grid" system, i.e., in squares, in order to give the least possible chance of escape to an enemy aircraft; fast interceptors, fighters.

What use are all these if the enemy is invisible, as he would be in the kind of weather which usually prevails in this country?

It is certain that their targets would be our aircraft factories (all grouped together round London), arsenals, dockyards, food stores, merchant ships, and re-

servitors; their objects to cut off our food and water supplies and destroy our means of retaliation. Knowing that the people have the final say, that a united front can force the action of a Government, they would bring the fight direct to us to compel us into submission by starvation and terror.

Reprisals In Kind.

We have only one way of defence—reprisals in kind. In the new technique required in aerial tactics the best way to defend is attack. We must be equipped with numerous squadrons of large, high-speed, long-range bombing machines. These must be flown by pilots experienced in long-distance, all-weather flying, as they may have to fly "blind" to their objective and back.

This means of retaliation has three major advantages: first, it will save our machines from being blown to pieces in their hangars; secondly, it may mean the enemy will have to call off fighter squadrons from other strategic points to defend their cities; and, thirdly, it will help the morale of our people to know for a certainty that something is being done and that the enemy is suffering equally.

Our Government has admitted, in fact, that this policy of reprisals in kind is the most adequate for our defence. Have we, however, any assurance that our Air Force is suitably equipped to carry out such tactics, and, in fact, is our Air Force receiving the proper kind of training for flying these essential long-distance bombers?

The acid test of a pilot's ability to fly over long distances in all kind of weather is the flying of the air mail, whose carriers' proud boast it is that it is never delayed.

America's Example.

It has been only too sadly evident that in America, at any rate, the Air Force does not receive the particular training which is required to carry out long-distance, all-weather flying. This fact was brought forcibly before the authorities during the recent air mail disputes, when it was decided that the U.S. Air Force should run the mail contracts.

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STILL UNITED IN DEATH

Man Who Carried Ashes Of His Friend.

BOTH BURIED IN ONE COFFIN

Council Bluffs, Iowa.

A staunch friendship which started 12 years ago in a hospital ward, has ended with the burial of one of the friends, with the ashes of his friend enclosed in his coffin.

Jacob Los, a well-to-do California estate agent and at that time an elderly man, met Albert Coffman, a young Santa Ana war veteran, while both were confined in the same hospital.

Their acquaintance developed into an affectionate friendship which was kept up after both were discharged from hospital. Coffman went to live with the older man in Santa Ana, helping him to manage his business. Coffman always referred to his younger friend as "my son."

Three years ago Los died, and thereafter Coffman carried with him, wherever he went, a small, black satchel. He would never tell anyone why he carried it over what it contained.

Now Coffman has just died. A sister, going through his effects, came across the familiar satchel. She opened it and found inside an urn, containing the ashes of Los. A note accompanied it, written by Los, revealing that Coffman had promised always to keep the ashes with him while he lived. It further asked that whoever took charge of Coffman's funeral should see that the urn be buried with him.

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## MARY ANSELL

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in his body, the warmth of his face against hers, the smell, like heather and seaweed, of his khaki jacket. She was alive once more, escaped from the death of her present existence into the wren life of her early days. That life was so real to her that whenever she reached their meeting-place and lay back and closed her eyes, her actual self ceased to exist, and she had never once thought it strange that a tired, faded woman of forty should lie in the arms of this dark-haired young man of twenty-two, nor had she ever told herself that their child, if it had lived, would by now have been a boy only five years younger than his father, or that, just as there was another Mary, the faded Mary of to-day, so there was another Jim Ansell, withered and eyeless, lying in some unknown cemetery in France.

Such thoughts never came to her, for he and she met in a timeless and unchanging world which belonged to them alone. This angle in the earthwork was especially theirs, but they met in other places, too, for she carried their secret world within her and could drop back into it whenever opportunity occurred. When she was alone at the inn, working in the kitchen or sitting, darning, in the little private parlour, she would often leave her patient body to get on with its work and would step across the threshold; and at night, the moment the candle had been blown out and she had laid down in bed with Sam, she would be gone, abandoning to her husband the tired, obedient Mary Brakefield like a corpse laid out, hurrying back to her real life and Jim.

But sometimes, when she was very tired, she had not the strength to escape. The outer world—Sam Brakefield, the inn, the neighbours—was too strong for her. She was too feeble by herself, to support and preserve the world of her desires. If only there had been someone else who knew of it and recognised its reality, who would speak of Jim, who would, perhaps, call her, not Mrs. Brakefield, but Mrs. Ansell, what a help and what a comfort it would be.

But there was no one: her secret was unshared. That name, Mary Ansell, which she had never borne in real life, was the name by which she thought of herself. She had actually written it in the few books which Jim's mother had left her at her death fourteen years ago. It was safe to do so, for Mary Ansell was the name of Jim's mother, and if Sam had ever noticed it he would not have been surprised.

Mrs. Ansell had left her not only the books but also Jim's scroll, neatly framed—the scroll that had been sent to her after he had been killed. But Sam, as far as Mary knew, had never looked into the books. He had shown no surprise when they and the scroll had been brought to his wife, for he had known that she and Mrs. Ansell were old friends. When she had opened the parcel he had lifted up the scroll and examined it. "It'll look nice on the wall," he had said, and had then asked: "Who was he?" "Her son," Mary had answered, and she had put away the books in the hanging bookcase in the parlour.

It was eighteen years ago, eighteen years this very day, that they had met for the last time. On the last day of his leave from France they had climbed the downs together, scrambled up the earthwork, and walked to the edge of the cliff. He had laughed when she had clutched at his sleeve to stop him going too near the brink. The whole immense depth of air below them and the huge expanse of sea sparkled with sunshine. Out near the horizon a ship—an English battleship—drew a long, gauzy trail of smoke after it. Jim pointed to the horizon. "You'd never think, would you," he said, "that thousands of chaps were in the thick of it just over there?" "Don't," she said. "Don't think of it. I don't want to think of it till...."

"Till I'm there!" She nodded, and they turned away from the cliff and walked across to the angle of the rampart. There they lay down, his arms round her. "Then you'll wait for me?" he whispered half jokingly. "Only a few months, till my next leave. Then we'll get married."

She pressed her cheek against his. "I don't have to wait," she said, her heart suddenly full. "I'm yours already."

For a while he did not speak. Then he said: "Yes, you're mine, Mary, and I'm yours. Only we've got to wait till next leave to be married."

She shook her head. "We're married already."

Again he paused, as if thinking. Then he said: "But.... but suppose I was to stop one?"

"Stop one?"

"Stop a shell or a bullet. Get knocked out."

She put her hand over his mouth. "Don't. Don't say such things."

"But it might happen," he said, when she had freed his mouth.

"That means we mustn't wait."

"But think, Mary, what might happen to you. I mean."

"I'm thinking," she said. "That's why I say we mustn't wait."

It was already dark when they walked home together and parted outside the gate of her home.

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## To Play Mother Role



## HEROIC BRITISH WAR NURSE

Woman Who Defied German Captors.

### DIES IN LONDON

High tribute was paid recently to the devotion of a British nursing sister who, interned by the Germans in East Africa during the war, became famous for her work among the Allied prisoners.

The nurse, Miss France Mary Plant, who has just died in Guy's Hospital, where she received her training, had 18 years' service in England and abroad. Miss Plant had looked forward to retirement in London, but had been on pension only 20 days when she died from heart trouble.

"No nursing sister in East Africa was braver than Miss Plant," Mr. F. S. Joelson, editor of "East Africa," stated in an interview. Mr. Joelson was interned in the same camp as Miss Plant.

"She was one of the nurses who were imprisoned at the outbreak of war, and she worked like a slave looking after the Allied prisoners at Tabora prison camp. She stood up to the Germans and refused to be brow-beaten."

### Marches Under Blazing Sun

Miss E. M. Cowell, or Northcote-road, Battersea, a friend of the dead nurse, said that Miss Plant at the outbreak of war was ordered to clear her hospital at Korogwe, and was then marched under a German escort to camp, to which she was not allowed to take so much as a mosquito net.

"For a year she never tasted a cup of tea," said Miss Cowell, "and, being changed from camp to camp, she marched scores of miles under the blazing sun."

When released in 1916 Miss Plant had to be carried in a hammock with other prisoners to the nearest British station.

She returned to England and became night sister at the British Red Cross Hospital at Downham, Norfolk. Later she returned to East Africa and became matron of the Dar-es-Salaam Hospital.

## GENTLEMEN PREFER LITTLE WOMEN.

### History Ransacked For Debate Material.

London.

Massive women are impressive—but gentlemen prefer small women. This decree comes from the students of the American University of Michigan.

A debate has been held there in which students of both sexes heatedly compared the charms and merits of "large" and "small" women.

Ancient and modern history was ransacked by debators for examples to prove the supremacy of their pet type.

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—Reuter.

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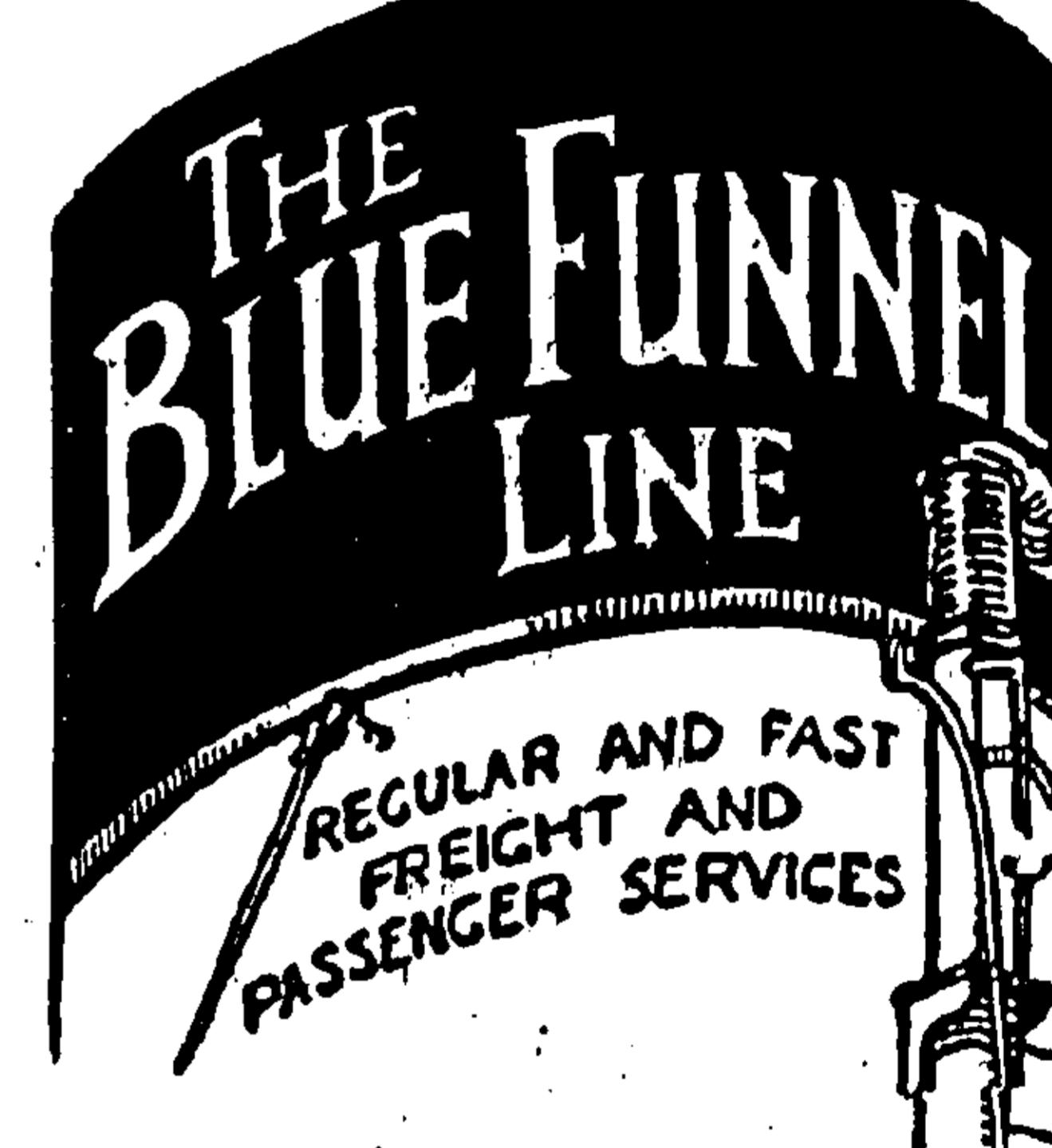
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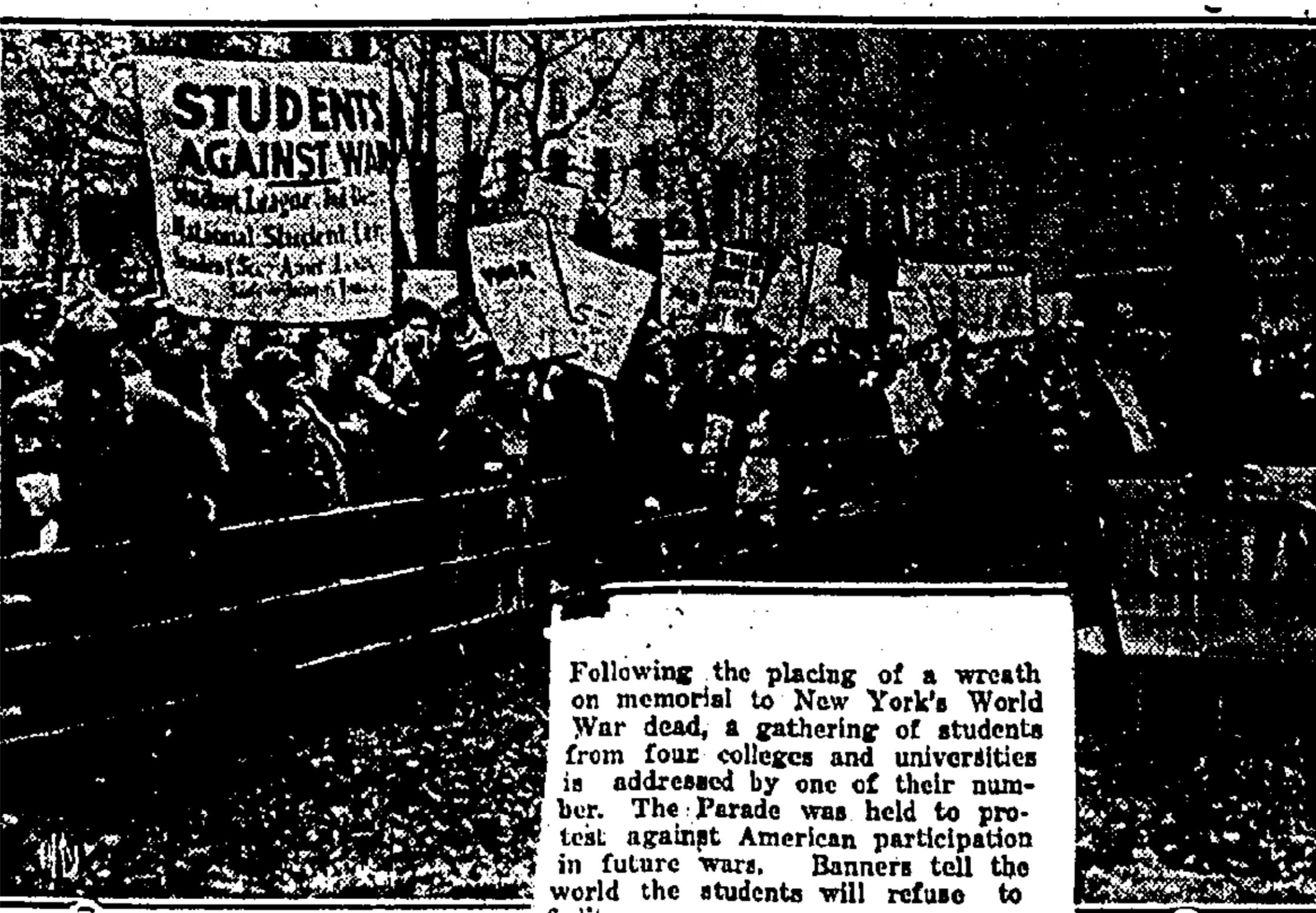
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## OLYMPIC GAMES SOUVENIR

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### ARRIVES FOR ERECTION

Canberra, F.C.T. Canberra has been presented with a souvenir of the last Olympic Games at Los Angeles—the two-roomed building which was used at that gathering by the Australian competitors.

When the Olympic Games were concluded, Mr. Crombie Allen, of Ontario, one of the foundation trustees of Rotary International, purchased the temporary wooden buildings used by the teams from various countries, and presented them to each country for re-erection as "good-will houses" for the permanent use of sportsmen. The Rotary Club of Sydney accepted delivery of the building given to Australia, and handed it over to the Rotary Club of Canberra for erection in the national capital. The building has now reached Canberra, and is to be erected either on the Royal Canberra Golf Club's course, or on the Manuka Sports ground.

Mr. Crombie Allen is on a visit to Australia.—Reuter.

### WOMEN ANNOUNCE NOT WANTED.

### Intense Opposition From Own Sex.

London. The British Broadcasting Corporation's recent attempt to employ a woman announcer failed because of intense opposition from women themselves.

This fact has been revealed by Miss Elsie J. Sprott, head of the Women's Section of the B.B.C.

Referring to the experiment in a speech in London she said, "Women wrote in such large numbers saying that they did not want a woman announcer that at last we had to remove her."

"To my mind it is a very great confession of failure on the part of the women of this country."

Women announcers are successfully employed in Rome, Warsaw and Luxembourg.—Reuter.

### WIMBLEDON TO SEE NEW KOALA.

### Second Mascot Of Its Kind For England.

Sydney, N.S.W. Miss Joan Hartigan, Australian champion tennis player has been given a mascot to take on her tour abroad in search of world laurels.

The mascot was a stuffed koala bear, a "brother" to the one that accompanied the Waratahs (N.S.W. Rugby Union Team) on their 1927-28 tour of Great Britain and France. The donor was the Waratahs' Manager (Mr. E. G. Shaw). Mr. Shaw invited Miss Hartigan with Mrs. Utz, to play exhibition matches at the weekend at his property, Girraween, Bimbela. Before she left for Sydney, Mr. Shaw presented her with the bear, which he hoped would bring her the same good luck as the footballers' mascot brought them.

"But I can't ever forget Jim," said Mary.

"You don't have to forget him. Keep him to yourself, that's all; and act fairly by your husband."

"But I mustn't tell him . . . ?"

"About Jim?"

"About the child?"

## MARY ANSELL

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"No. There's no call to tell him. No one here knows about it, and never will."

A month later Mary became Mrs. Brakefield.

It was getting dark when Mary Brakefield opened her eyes and found herself alone under the sky in the angle of the rampart. Dazed and chilly, she got to her feet. If she did not hurry she would never find the path down the steep slope. Already, when she had climbed down the great turf wall and emerged from the ditch, the village below her was lost in the gloom of its elms, and by the time she had reached the foot of the down and struck into the road the last pale streaks in the west were closing into the darkness of a stormy sky.

She felt desolate and tired by her long, lonely ecstasy. She clung to Jim, trying to keep him with her still, but he withdrew from her. Her spirit was too weak now to hold him, her attention too distracted by the need of keeping her path on the dark road. If only there was someone who knew, someone who would come towards her now, down this dark road, and as he passed her call out: "Good night, Mrs. Ansell."

Those few short words would be enough to keep her and Jim together.

But the road was deserted, and as she turned into the village, large drops of rain began to fall.

When she entered the inn, her husband's voice greeted her. "Two gentlemen wanting tea, Mary. I've got the kettle on and shown them into the parlour, by the fire."

The two young men had walked all day. They had lunch off beer and bread and cheese at an inn twelve miles away and had hoped to find another inn in the eve they had reached late in the afternoon. But no inn was there, and when they had asked for the nearest they had been directed to Netherhinton, four miles away. Now they sat, tired and contented, in the little parlour of the Golden Lion, one on each side of the fireplace, with their legs stretched to the warmth, waiting for the tea they had ordered.

When he had finished a cigarette, the more energetic of the two got out of his chair and, with his hands in the pockets of his shorts, began prodding round the room, examining the pictures, and photographs. When he had reached the bookcase he called out to his friend: "I say, Guy, herb's 'The Return of the Native' and 'Jude' and 'Lorna Doone,' and the Bible, and 'PICKWICK'! Not a bad lot for a village inn."

He took down "Jude the Obscure," opened the cover, and read, "Mary Ansell, 1919." "PICKWICK" revealed the same name, and then he was interrupted by the opening of the door. A thin-faced woman brought in their tea on a tray. The young man, caught with "PICKWICK" in his hand, spoke to her. "I've found a nice lot of books here," he said. "Are they yours?"

The pale, red-rimmed eyes met his. "Yes, sir," she said in her tired, toneless voice: "they're all mine."

She set the tea on the table. "Just ring the bell if you want anything, gentlemen," she said as she went quietly out.

They thanked her, and the other young man rose from his chair and went over to where his friend was standing. "What's this?" he said, bending his head to inspect Jim's scroll.

"Some poor devil that was killed

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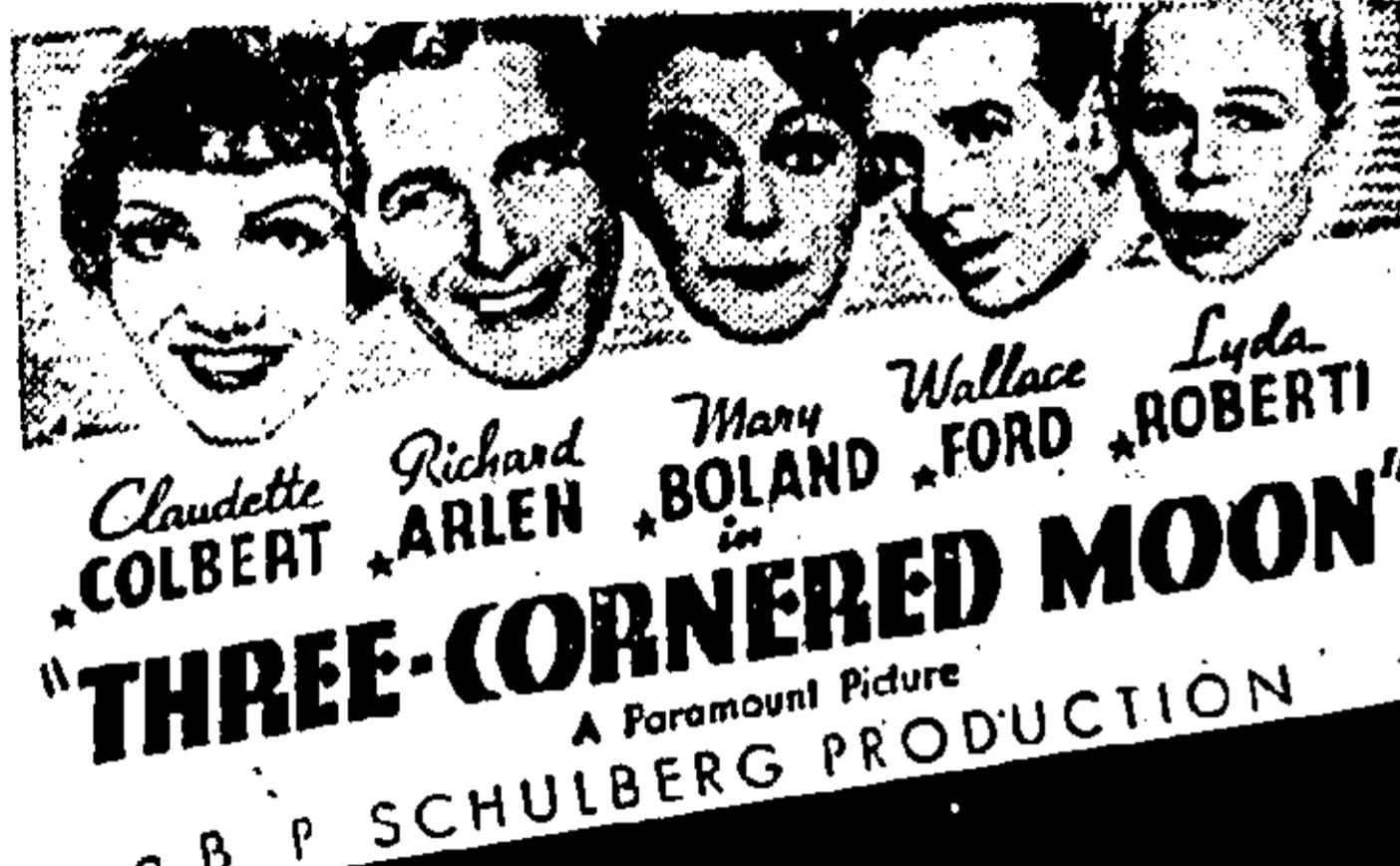
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New York	3	7	0
Moore hit a homer.			
Chicago	7	12	0
Chuck Klein hit a homer.			

R. H. E.

Cleveland ..... 3 4 0

Gomez pitched.

New York ..... 8 11 0

Lou Gehrig and Chapman hit

homers.

St. Louis ..... 3 12 3

Philadelphia ..... 9 12 0

Johnson hit a homer.

Chicago ..... 2 8 2

Boston ..... 14 15 3

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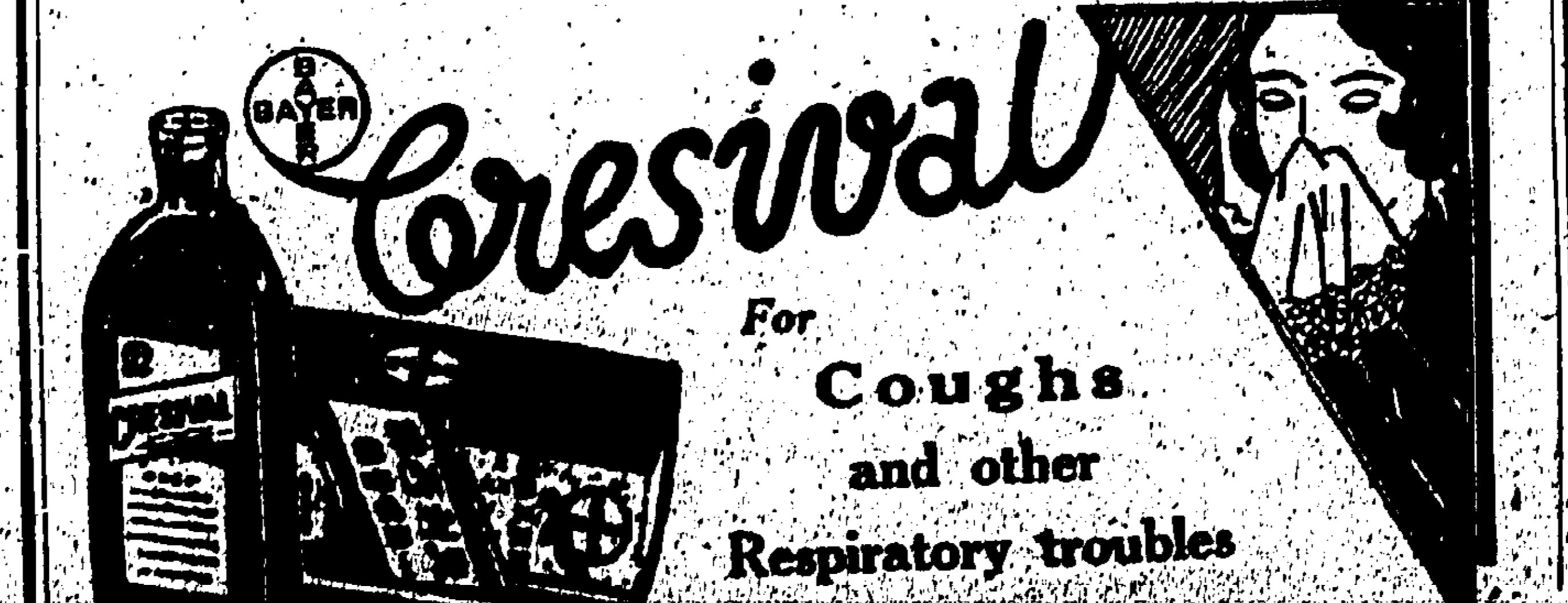
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